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SUBJECT:GUIDANCE ON US RESERVATION RE SVALBARD TREATY

REFS: (A) THE HAGUE, (B) STATE 262659

1. FOR OSLO: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN PROVIDE ABOUT EMBASSIES, IF ANY, TO WHICH YOU HAVE ALREADY PROVIDED COPY OF US RESERVATION. IF NONE HAS BEEN PROVIDED, WAS THIS BECAUSE OF STRONG NORWEGIAN OBJECTION?
 2. FOR THE HAGUE: IN RESPONDING TO QUERIES RE OUTCOME OF NORWAY'S RECENT TALKS WITH THE SOVIETS ABOUT DIVIDING THE CONTINENTAL SHELF IN THE BARENTS SEA BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS (NOT REPEAT NOT RE SVALBARD) SUGGEST YOU REFER THEM TO NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT.
 3. ISSUE OF SVALBARD HAS BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION IN THE DEPT FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION HAS
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BEEN THE SUBJECT OF STATE 197924, OSLO 4261, OSLO 4418,

AND STATE 253464. THESE TELEGRAMS ARE BEING REPEATED FOR
YOUR INFORMATION. TO DATE, DEPT HAS DISCUSSED QUESTION OF
SVALBARD ONLY WITH THE UK EMBASSY HERE IN WASHINGTON AND
WOULD PREFER THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER NATO ALLIES BE
HELD HERE IN WASHINGTON OR, TO A LIMITED EXTENT, IN
OSLO. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO TALK WITH A REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE NETHERLANDS EMBASSY. SISCO

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